



Progress Report on the NMSP's West Coast Regional Office

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Overview

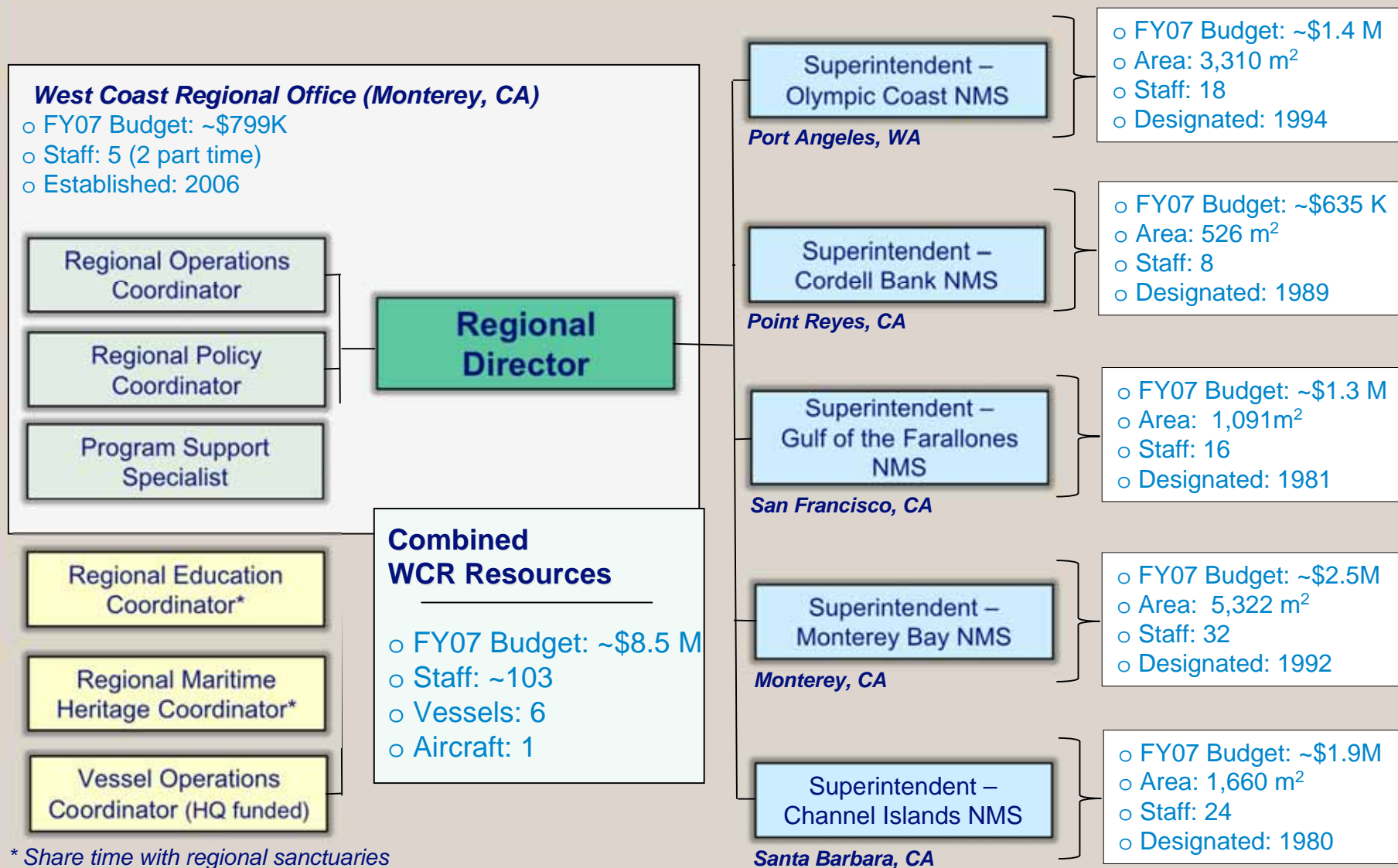


- **A Look at Key 2007 Accomplishments**
 - ♣ **Improving Coordination Among WC Sanctuaries**
 - ♣ **Improving Coordination with Other Regional Organizations**
 - ♣ **Improving NMSP Management Effectiveness**
- **A Look Ahead to 2008**





West Coast Region Organization





Sharing the Load in the WCR



- **Directly Handle Tasks and Projects**
- **Provide Staff Assistance to Site Projects**
- **Provide Guidance to Sites on Projects**
- **Direct or Facilitate Projects with Assistance from Sites**
- **Fund Projects that Sites Carry Out**
- **Act as Liaison w/NMSP HQ**



Regional Priorities (2007)



West Coast Regional Office

Interagency cooperation and ecosystem-based regional ocean governance

- ✿ Supporting completion of long term planning documents
- ✿ Supporting new site considerations
- ✿ Stimulating regional research, mapping, and characterization
- ✿ Providing intra-region guidance and quality control

Olympic Coast NMS

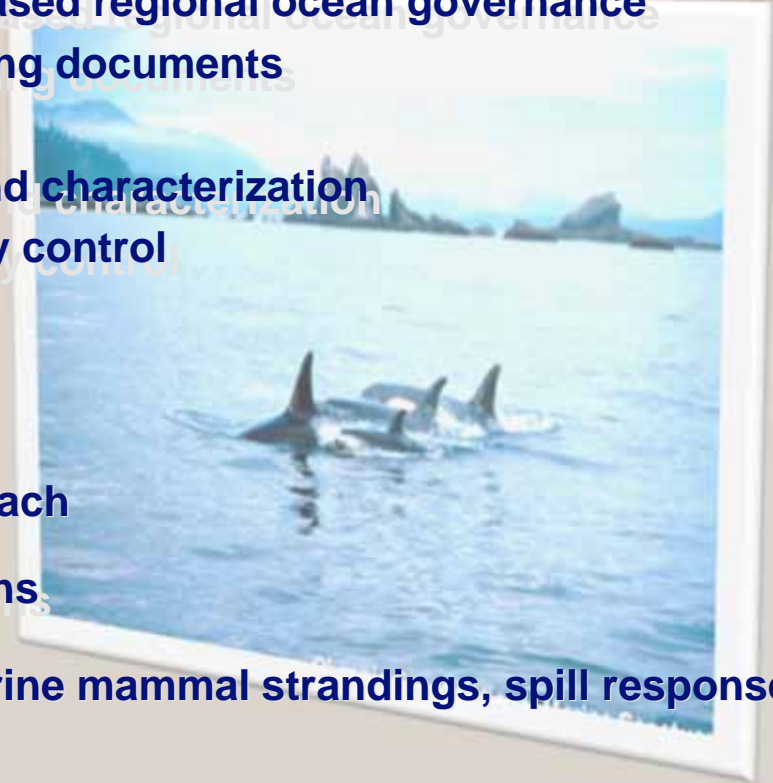
Initiate management plan review

- ✿ Tribal relations, Makah cooperative outreach
- ✿ Fiber optic cable monitoring
- ✿ K-16 education, Discovery Center operations
- ✿ Marine safety, overflight compliance, marine mammal strandings, spill response

Cordell Bank NMS

Characterization and mapping of the Bank

- ✿ Oceanographic and krill distribution monitoring
- ✿ Adult education in partnership with Point Reyes National Seashore Association
- ✿ Interpretive exhibitry and promotion of local oral histories
- ✿ GIS development and application





Regional Priorities (2007)



Gulf of the Farallones NMS

Seabird colony protection

- Motorized personal watercraft

- Site mapping, habitat quantification, and oceanographic monitoring

- Marine Life Protection Act support

- Ocean literacy, visitor center

exhibitory & programs, media outreach

Monterey Bay NMS

Minority education, Santa Cruz exploration center support

- Volunteer, water quality, and maritime heritage program maintenance

- Cruise ship discharge, beach closures

- Emergency response planning, enforcement training, and permitting

- Characterization and mapping (Davidson Seamount, benthic), SIMoN

- Coastal armoring, desalinization, marine zoning, motorized personal watercraft

Channel Islands NMS

Implementation of marine zoning network & revised management plan

- Contingency planning, maritime heritage protection

- National Park Service collaboration, Naturalist Corps

- California signage plan, local teacher training, minority education

- Outreach materials and events





Critical Accomplishments - WCR Office



Improving Coordination Among WC Sanctuaries to Better Protect Sanctuary Resources

- **Funding Key Programs at Sanctuaries:**
 - ♣ In FY07 \$290,000 of \$799,000 (37%)
 - ♣ West Coast Observation Network - \$196k (\$38k GF, \$51k MB)
 - ♣ Water Quality - \$16k (\$8.5k GF/MB; [\$32.5k to GF in '06])
 - ♣ Socioeconomic - \$78k (all to CI)
- **Supporting MPR, at all 4 CA NMSies**
- **Oil Spill Preparedness, After *Cosco Busan***
- **Coordination of WC Obs Network**
- **R/V *Fulmar* Operations**
- **Maritime Heritage - 10 researched sites for GF & MB**
- **Sustainable Marine Tourism in MB - pilot effort**



Critical Accomplishments - WCR Office



Improving Coordination with Other Regional Organizations to Better Protect Sanctuary Resources

- **Addressing Resource Issues with Partners:**
 - ♣ Implementing State MLPA
 - ♣ NOAA Fisheries permit for shallow set long line
 - ♣ USCG EIS for Pacific Area operations
 - ♣ PISCO monitoring in WC Sanctuaries
 - ♣ MPA center's west coast pilot project
- **NMSP representative on regional councils and planning efforts such as California Biodiversity Council, West Coast Governor's Agreement**
- **CSUMB Effort re: Mapping Initiative for Habitats in WC Sanctuaries**
 - ♣ 47% of WC sanctuaries mapped with modern multibeam, sidescan
 - ♣ Of this, about half has been converted to habitat maps
 - ♣ Will cost about \$5.5 million to completely map WC sanctuaries



Critical Accomplishments - WCR Office



Improving NMSP Management Effectiveness

- └ NMSA Reauthorization Hearing in Santa Barbara
- └ Connecting Sanctuaries to Congressional Staff
- └ International Initiatives
 - ♣ Hosted Visit by Chilean Dept. of Environment manager
 - ♣ Hosted tours by Vietnamese delegation and Korean delegation
 - ♣ Hosted tours by Italian park managers
- ♣ Chief Lobbyist (to NMSP HQ) for WC Site Needs



2008 Priorities and Opportunities WCR Office



- **Helping Sites Complete Management Plans!**
- **Summer/Fall of Exploration and Experimentation**
 - ♣ *Okeanos Explorer* Sea Trials
 - ♣ New Sanctuary Regional Vessel - *SRVx*
 - ♣ Assist with Manned Submersible Trials
- **Completing Needs Assessments/Documents:**
 - ♣ Habitat Mapping
 - ♣ Education and Outreach
 - ♣ Critical Research
- **Helping Implementation of MPA Networks**
- **Uncertain But Exciting Possibilities**
 - ♣ HR 1187 Expansion
 - ♣ *Cosco Busan* Fall Out
 - ♣ Integrating Marine Debris Removal Programs



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